

From the American Community Survey: 1999

Population and Housing Profile: Gresham city, Oregon

NOTES: The population estimates in this profile are for people living in households and group quarters.

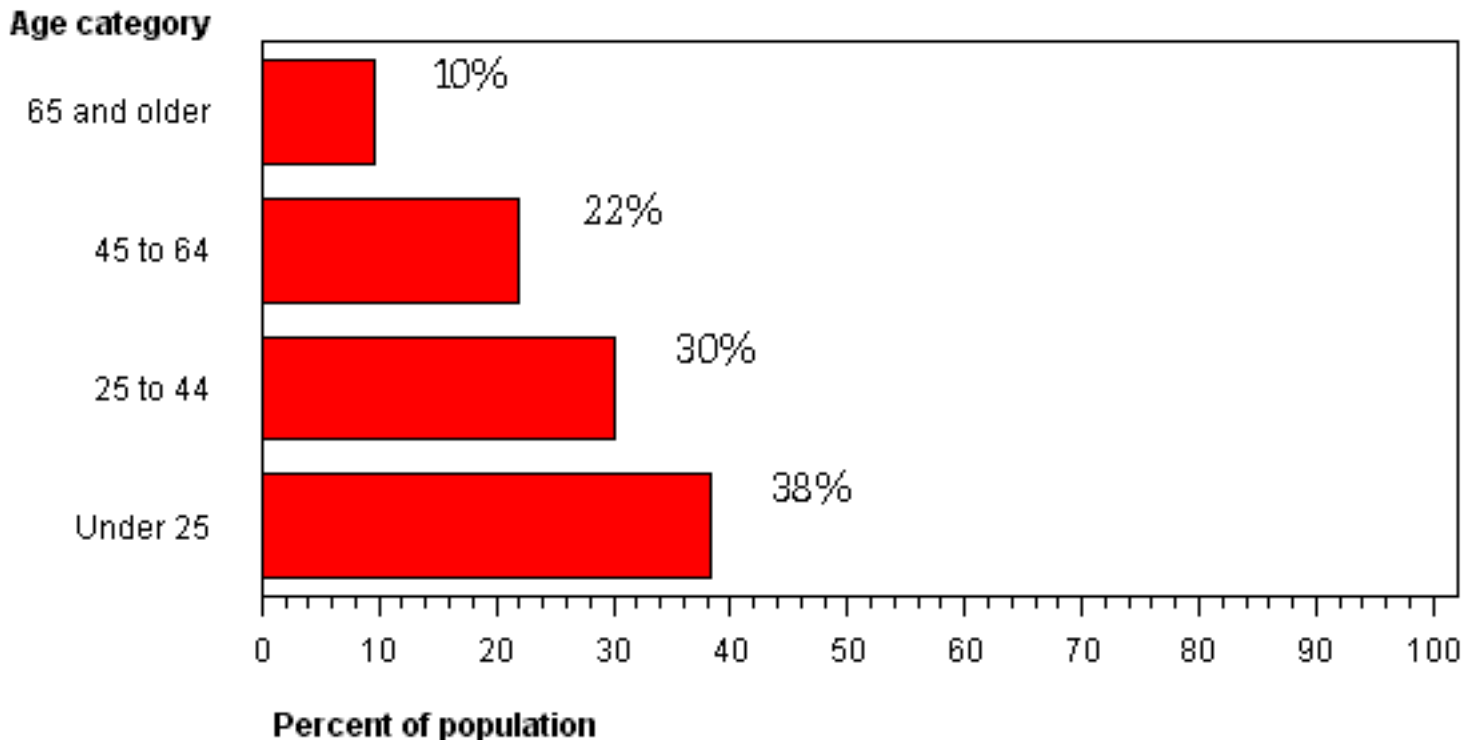
In the narrative profile below, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the Profiles found at www.census.gov/acs/www/index_c.htm, this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the Accuracy of the Data documents at www.census.gov/acs/www/index_b.htm.

Caution should be used when comparing data by race from previous years with those for 1999 due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. For the 1999 data, respondents may report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, some other race, and two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

These data are preliminary and should not be used for official purposes.

POPULATION OF Gresham city: In 1999, Gresham city had a population of 83,616. The median age was 34.7 years. Twenty-eight percent were under 18 years and 10 percent were 65 or older. There were 52 percent women and 48 percent men.

The Age Distribution of People in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



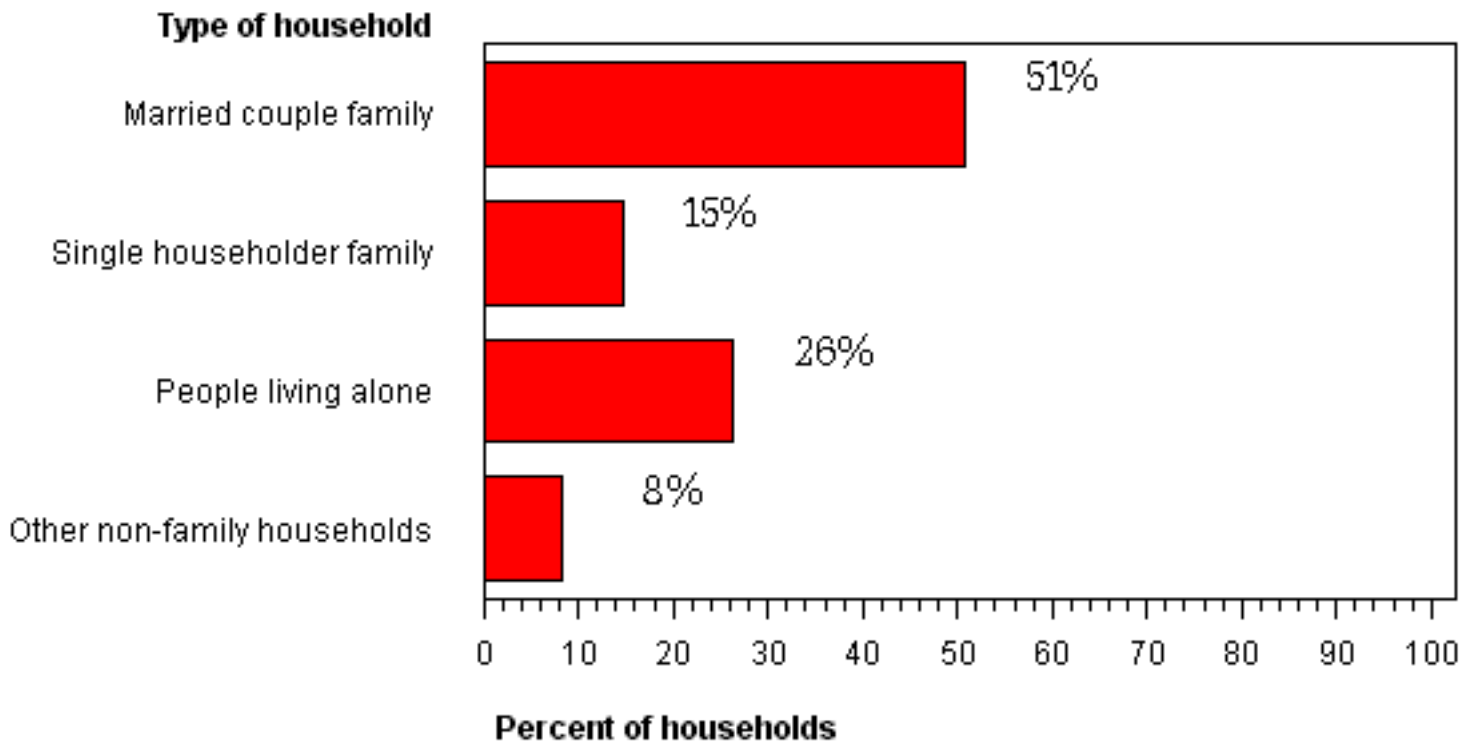
Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

For people reporting one race, 87 percent of the people in Gresham city were White, not of Hispanic origin; 1 percent were Black or African American, 1 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native, 2 percent were Asian, and less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Three percent reported two or more races. Eight percent of the people of Gresham city were of Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 1999 there were 31,515 households in Gresham city. The average household size was 2.64 people.

Families made up 65 percent of the households in Gresham city that year. This figure includes both married couple families (51 percent) and other families with no spouse present (15 percent). Non-family households made up 35 percent of all households in Gresham city. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were people living in households maintained by non-relatives.

The Types of Households in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



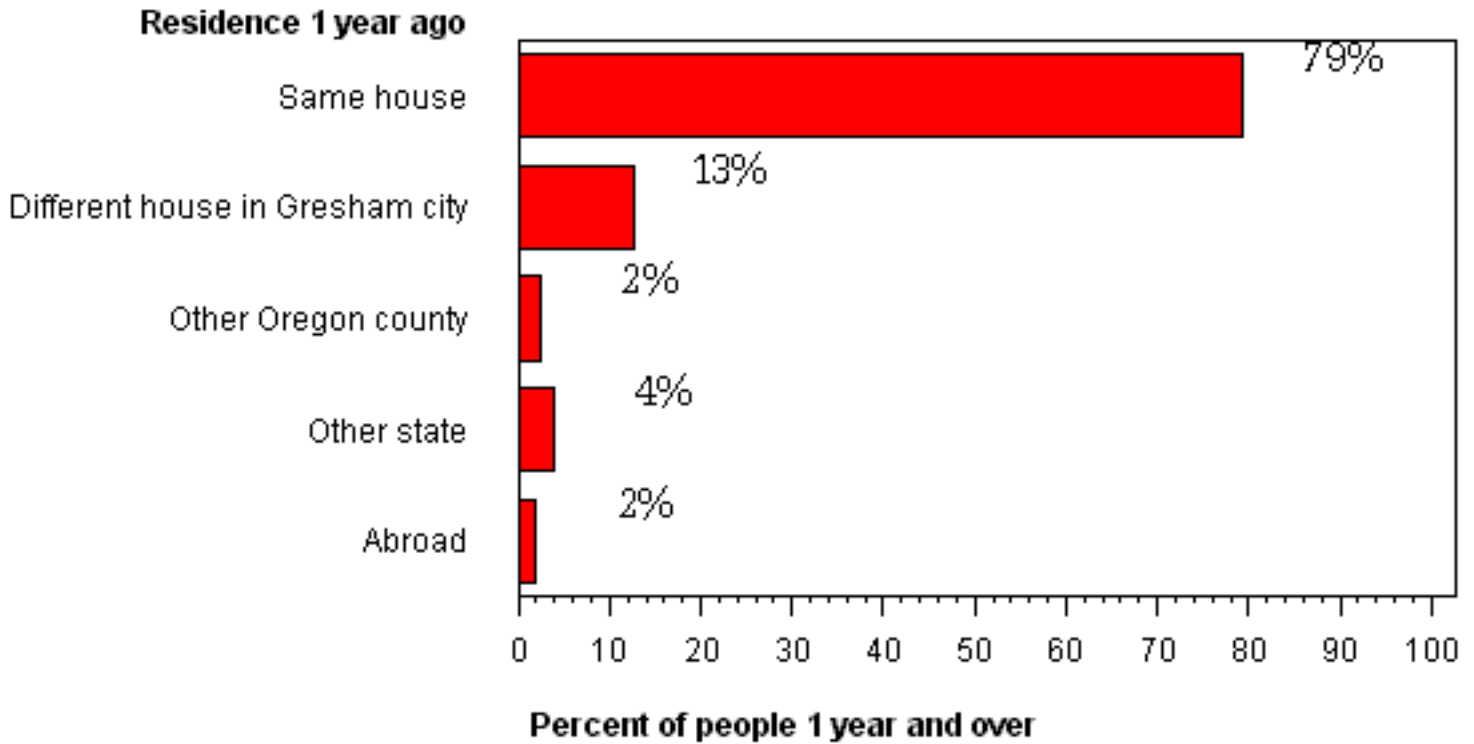
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NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Ten percent of the people living in Gresham city in 1999 were foreign born. Ninety percent were native born, including 49 percent who were born in the State of Oregon.

Among people at least five years old living in Gresham city in 1999, 9,478 spoke a language other than English at home. Of this group, 64 percent spoke Spanish, and 36 percent spoke some other language; 58 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well".

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 1999, 79 percent of the people one year or older living in Gresham city were living in the same house one year earlier; 13 percent had moved during the past year from another house in the same county, 2 percent from another Oregon county, 4 percent from another state, and 2 percent from abroad.

Geographic Mobility of Residents of Gresham city, Oregon in 1999

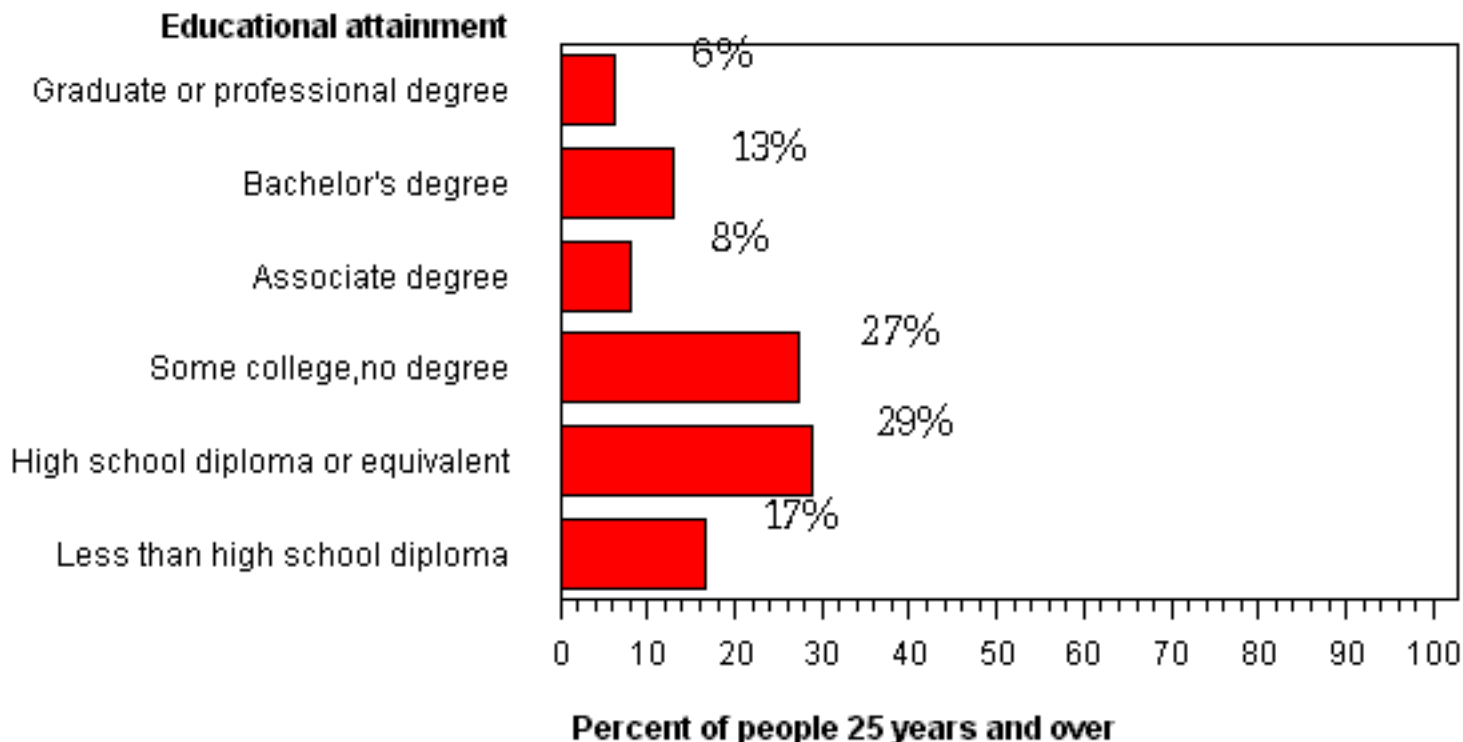


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EDUCATION: In 1999, 83 percent of people at least 25 years old had at least graduated from high school and 19 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 16 percent were dropouts: They were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Gresham city was 21,815 in 1999. Preprimary school enrollment was 2,047 and 15,576 children were enrolled in elementary or high school. College enrollment was 4,192.

The Educational Attainment of People in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



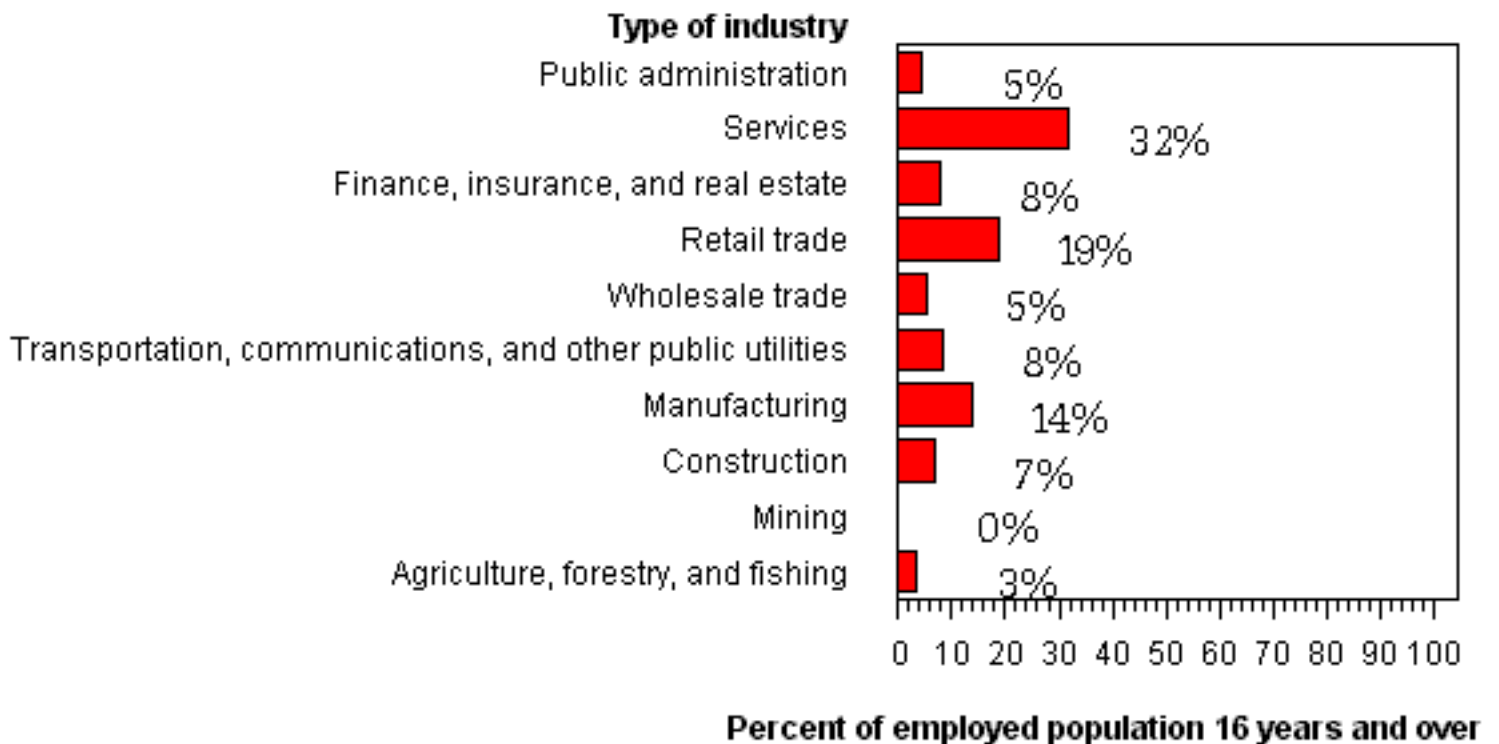
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DISABILITY: In Gresham city, among people at least five years old in 1999, 13 percent had a disability. The likelihood of having one or more functional limitations varied by age - from 5 percent of people 5 to 20 years old, to 13 percent of people 21 to 64 years old, to 41 percent of those 65 and older.

INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: In 1999, for the employed population 16 and older, the leading industries in Gresham city were Services, 32 percent, and Retail trade, 19 percent.

Among the most common occupations were: Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations, 31 percent; Managerial and professional specialty occupations, 24 percent; Operators, fabricators, and laborers, 17 percent; Precision production, craft, and repair occupations, 13 percent; and Service occupations, 13 percent. Eighty-one percent of the people in the employed labor force were Private wage and salary workers; 10 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 8 percent were Self-employed.

Employment by Industry in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

TRAVEL TO WORK: Seventy-seven percent of Gresham city workers drove to work alone in 1999 and 11 percent car- or van-pooled. On average it took them 25 minutes to get to work.

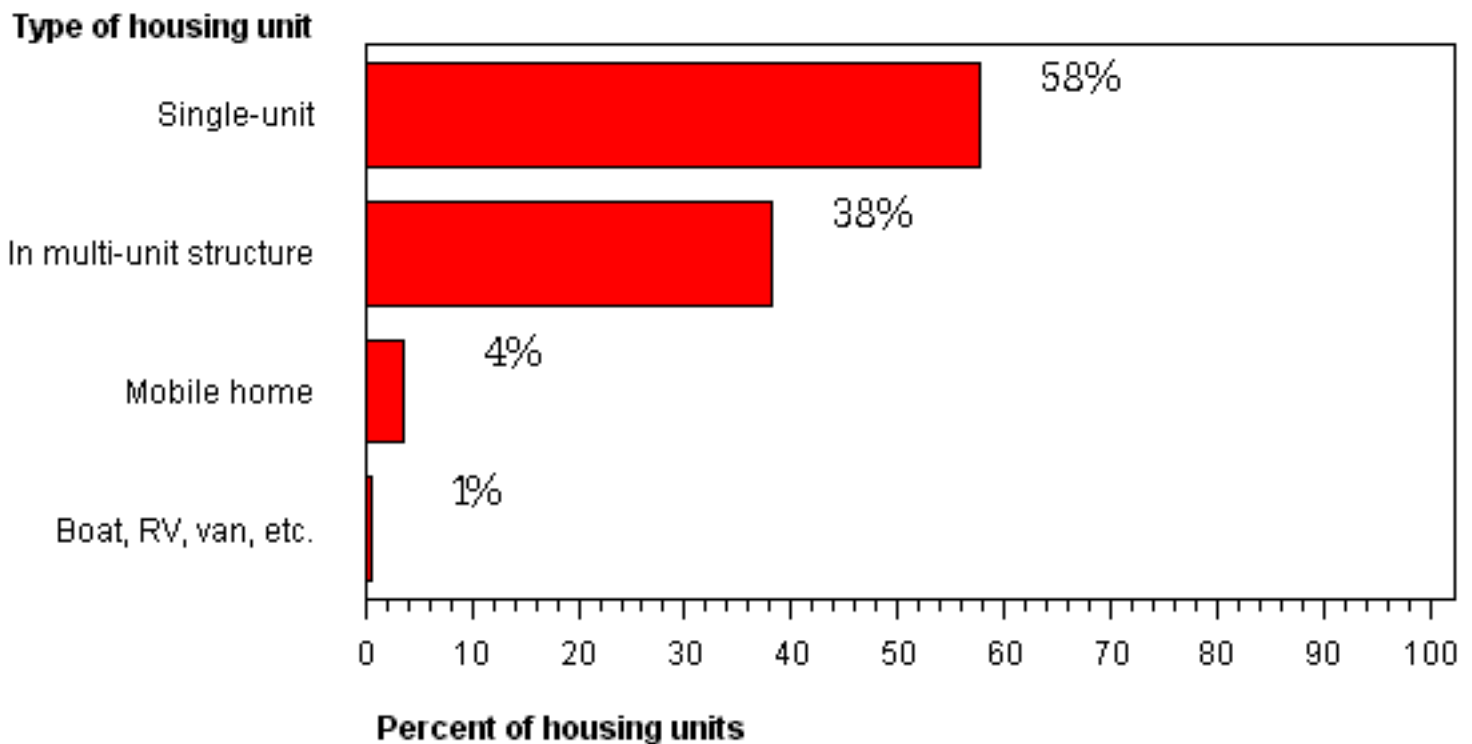
INCOME: The median income of households in Gresham city was \$41,054. Eighty-four percent of the households received earnings and 15 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 1999, 9 percent of all families had incomes below the poverty level, compared with 24 percent of families with a female householder and no spouse present.

Fifteen percent of the households in Gresham city received means-tested public assistance or noncash benefits. Twenty-two percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$11,259.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 1999, Gresham city had a total of 33,345 housing units. Housing in Gresham city was spread among 19,259 single-family homes (detached or attached), 1,169 mobile homes, and 12,735 units in multi-unit structures.

The Types of Housing Units in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



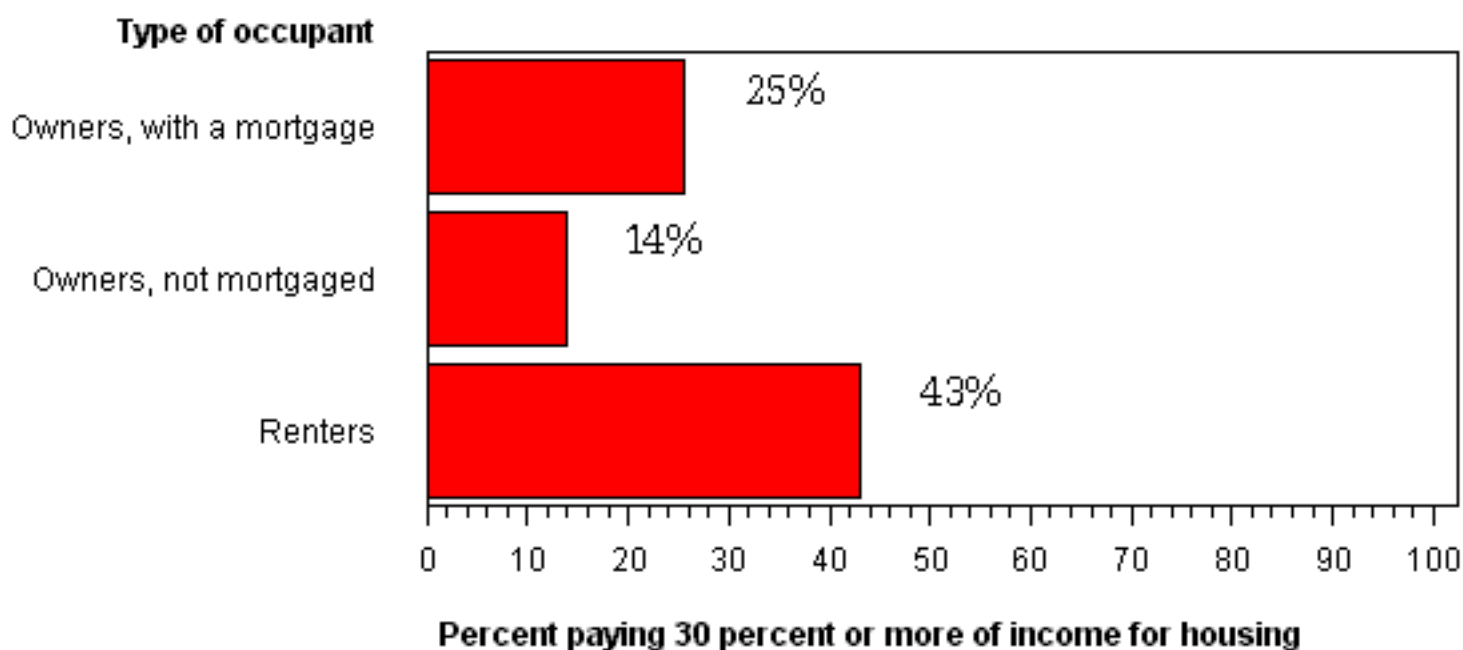
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In 1999, 5 percent of the housing units in Gresham city were vacant. One percent of the vacant units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Twenty percent of the housing units were built since 1990. One hundred percent of Gresham city housing units had complete plumbing and 100 percent had complete kitchen facilities.

CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPANTS: The occupied units consisted of 18,007 that were owned by residents and 13,508 that were rented. Two percent of the households occupying these units reported not having telephone service in their home and 7 percent did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi-vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-nine percent had two vehicles and another 22 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: Forty-three percent of owners with mortgages in Gresham city spent less than 20 percent of their household income on housing; 25 percent spent 30 percent or more on housing. Among renters, 23 percent spent less than 20 percent of their household income on rent and 43 percent spent 30 percent or more on rent. The median gross rent was \$646 per month.

Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Gresham city, Oregon in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999